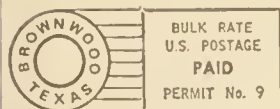




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Be sure to read the President's Message this month in regard to nominations for 1977-78 officers. Time will be here before we know it.

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REMEMBER - The
of November is the
deadline for the De-
cember TNA NEWS

PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



1977 is an election year for TNA and it is not too early for you to start thinking about selecting the ones you would like to be your officers for the next two years.

It has been my experience that the time sequence provided by the rules governing our elections are too short unless considerable preplanning and preparation have been done. This message then, is to encourage all of our members to start preliminary action at this time so that the official requirements can be met when the call for nominations is issued.

Article IV of our By-laws contains the rules for our elections and I suggest that you review these rules. Briefly, they provide that the official call for nominations for the offices of president, 1st. VP, 2nd. VP, secretary, treasurer and district governors be published in the December TNA NEWS.

Because many of us do not receive our TNA NEWS until the middle of the month, it usually leaves less than a month to select nominees, secure acceptances, prepare biographies and submit them to the secretary to arrive before the 15th of January as required by the rules. Actually, the nominations should be sent to the secretary by the 1st of January so that they can be forwarded to the TNA NEWS editor by the 5th of January, to be published in the February TNA NEWS without delaying the pub-

lication late.

District governors play an especially important part in our election procedures. They are required to contact all member clubs in the district, request nominations and cause them to be prepared as stated above, and be submitted to the secretary.

In my opinion, the time allotted for the above activities are inadequate. I therefore request all district governors to contact their clubs beginning not later than November 1, explain our election procedures, be prepared to answer questions, encourage nominations and otherwise initiate the action required under the rules so that a last minute frenzy can be avoided.

A few dimes struck in 1792 in silver and copper were evidently all patterns. They have a left-facing Liberty head.

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MERCURY-LIBERTY

By Miriam Gilmore N.L.G.

The United States dime of 1916-1945 has been incorrectly referred to as "Mercury" when in reality it is "Liberty."

The design for the 10c piece, executed by A. A. Weinman, shows a phrygian cap (cap of freedom) fitted with a set of wings signifying freedom of thought. Mercury, in Roman mythology, wore a helmet and was a messenger of the gods and generally god of commerce and traffic. The misconception of Mercury in place of Liberty has continued with collectors as the phrygian cap was mistaken for a helmet.

A fasces, old Roman symbol of authority, was used on the reverse of the Mercury-Liberty dime. A fasces is a bundle of rods (birch or elm) with an axe in the middle, blade projecting, representing power. Weinman added an olive branch to emphasize peace.

Before and during World War II, Benito Mussolini was in power in Italy with his fascism and objection was raised by the American people to the then current dime with the fasces design. Since the required 25 years before a design could be made stretched to 29, it was appropriate and legal to introduce a new design doing away with a distasteful symbol. Thus our Roosevelt dime came into being and has continued to date.

The Mercury-Liberty coin was a radical innovation in our coinage history. It was the first time in U.S. mintage that a silver coin was given a different obverse than the higher denominational coins of the same year of issue. The Barber dime, quarter and half dollar all had the Liberty Head designed by Charles E. Barber preceded by Seated Liberty designed by Christian Gobrecht.

The year 1916 also saw a new quarter and half dollar. Hermon A. MacNeil used a standing Liberty design for the 25c piece and on the half, which Weinman also designed, we find Liberty walking.

Outstanding rarities in the Mercury-Liberty series are the 1916-D with a mintage of only 264,000 followed by 1921-P, 1921-D, 1926-S, 1931-D, and 1931-S with less than 2 million of each date.

A major error came out of the mint in 1942 - the 1942 over 1941 dime. The most logical explanation for the overdate was in a statement made by Nellie Tayloe Ross, a former mint director, in 1946 to Stuart Mosher, editor of *The Numismatist* at the time:

"The dime under consideration, with a date of 1942 over 1941 was not re-punched or re-engraved. In September of each year the engraving of the numeral in a new master die for the following year is started.

"From this master die a working 'hub' is drawn. This is retouched if necessary, then hardened. This hub is used to fabricate all the working dies for that year.

"During that period when utmost vigilance was required to keep the date dies segregated by respective years, a die may have been given one blow with a 1941 hub, and then, by some accident, finished with a 1942 hub.

"All dies are usually inspected by a number of skilled workmen before they are delivered. Due to the heavy demands for coins, the engraving department had necessarily streamlined its operations and such an imperfect die apparently escaped detection."

The Mercury-Liberty dime was

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(In coming months we will be publishing articles by the late Brad Mills of Dallas. These articles were prepared before his untimely death.)

PAPER MONEY CAME SLOWLY

By The Late
BRAD MILLS

The United States was slow to issue and guarantee paper money as we know it. Prior to 1861 all currency was the product of private banks that were chartered by the various states. Many of these banks were politically motivated and suspect from the beginning. Poor supervision and stock manipulation soon brought disaster to both stockholders and depositors. However, some of these private banks remained solvent, endured and later became national banks of great character.

Chartering and operation of private state banks from 1830 until 1861 was a rather simple procedure. They involved about the same requirements that a private corporation passes through today. After organization, news was circulated to the effect that a so-and-so bank appeared well sponsored and should be a success from both stock and deposit standpoints. For a time these state institutions would flourish, but panics and mismanagement took a heavy and continuous toll along the way. Bad loans, nepotism and rank promotions led to insolvency, if indeed solvency was ever present.

The outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 demonstrated at once that ordinary coins and the questionable state bank currency were grossly inadequate to finance the struggle. People already were hoarding coins, and our Treasury quickly decided to issue its own demand notes with the country's honor back of them. This forced decision paved the way for a long and continuous series of paper money, of

which our current notes are a part.

The paper money collector now has the choice of a large variety of "broken bank" notes, reminiscent of a wild promotional period. Many of these bills were beautifully designed and engraved, certainly an asset in their bid for acceptance as good money. They are relatively inexpensive, although some are scarce and valuable.

Confederate and Republic of Texas currency do not belong in the "broken bank" category, yet they are interesting issues of stirring times. Fifty years ago a piece of Confederate currency carried no collector value and was commonly referred to as "wall paper." The price of these notes boomed up a bit in the early 1960s but they are still readily available at nominal prices. A few of the earliest issues are scarce. The Republic of Texas currency was issued by a sovereign nation and still has a great deal of charm among collectors. It is available largely in cancelled form.

The term, "wildcatting," probably originated with the demise of early private banking in this country. Such words as "blue sky" came later with the issuance of bogus oil stocks and pioneering promotions. Both terms have endured and doubtless are applicable to fancy sheets of paper still found around the house - remindful of the "risk" and over-the-counter issues that did not make the grade.

Nearly 20 million 2c pieces were coined the first year of mintage in 1864.

ANSWERS —

To "Ten Questions" which appeared in the September issue of the TNA NEWS.

1. Until 1910, the coins of England served Australia and the first truly Australian coins were struck at the Tower Mint in London during that year. In 1916, the Melbourne mint was completed and coins began being minted in its own country. The Sydney mint opened in 1919 and closed in 1926. The Perth mint opened in 1921, striking pennies dated 1922, but struck no other coins until 1940. In February 1966, a mass change-over took place to the decimal system. Not only did all transactions, credits, debits, notes, bank balances and the like have to be converted to dollars and cents, but also bookkeeping machines, computers, cash registers and other mechanical devices. Because of a well executed program of education begun more than a year prior to the changeover, the transition took place without undue confusion.

2. The Commonwealth of Australia has issued only four commemorative coins up to 1954. In 1927 a florin was ordered to honor the first session of Parliament in its new building in Canberra, the federal capital. The second one was a florin with a double date 1934-35 to honor two events: the 100th anniversary of the founding of Victoria and the 100th anniversary of the founding of Melbourne the following year. In 1951, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Commonwealth, the third commemorative florin was struck. The last of the series was in 1954 when a florin was struck to honor the visit of Queen Elizabeth II.

3. The coronation of Alexander II as Czar of Russia took place on May 27, 1883. For this historic event a special ruble was struck. At the time

it was believed that the whole issue was passed out to guests attending the event, but later, official figures indicate a coinage of 279,000 pieces. Now it is assumed that not all were passed out in 1883 and that they were released from time to time from an undisclosed hoard.

4. In the days before the German Empire (1871) each German state had its own coinage often using different units and silver of various degrees of fineness. Agreements arrived at in monetary conventions held in 1837 and 1838 established a ratio of two talers to 3½ gulden. The double talers of the 1840's and 1850's reflected this action by stating on the

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TEN QUESTIONS

Do you know the answers? Study the 10 questions, come up with the answers, let the editor know how you scored—and we'll print the answers in the next issue of the TNA NEWS, along with 10 more questions.

1. What is the largest coin ever made?

2. What is Mexican soap money?

3. How many mints have there been in Mexico?

4. When did Mexico first use paper money?

5. When were playing cards used as currency?

6. Why did Canada wait until 1935 to issue a silver dollar?

7. Is the British sovereign minted in Canada considered part of English or Canadian coinage?

8. Why was a Canadian 1947 Maple Leaf variety minted?

9. What is the history of the Canadian dot coins?

10. Why do some Canadian coins have a mint mark?

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ANSWERS —

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face both "2 taler and 3½ gulden." These coins, slightly larger than U.S. silver dollars, became known as "champagne talers" because at that time the cost of a magnum of champagne was approximately two talers.

5. Legend has it that after Frederick the Great of Prussia conquered Silesia, he retained many officials of that country, including the mint master of Breslau. When ordered to produce a taler with the head of Frederick in place of that of Maria Theresa, the mint master acted promptly, but after delivering the new coins he disappeared. The reason was obvious. In place of "EIN REICH-THALER" (one imperial dollar) he had the coin reengraved to read "EIN REICH STAHL ER" (he stole an empire.) All known specimens were immediately assigned to the melting pot and none are known to exist today.

6. Bracteates were a true product of the Middle Ages, being thin, wafer-like silver coins. Instead of being struck from two dies to make a front and back in different designs, only one die was used. The reason was that the metal was so thin that it could not stand the pressure of two dies. Naturally, the reverse design was merely the mirror image of the obverse. The first ones were made in Germany. They generally showed religious scenes, bishops, saints and sometimes knights in armor.

7. Probably more coins of the 17th century exist today that show the profile of Leopold I, Holy Roman Emperor, than of any other ruler of that century. He ruled from 1657 to 1705. Leopold was a Hapsburg, a member of the Germanic royal family that ruled the Holy Roman Empire almost continually from 1438. A characteristic of this noble family

was a protruding lower jaw and a thick lower lip. Leopold seemed to be proud of this mark of Hapsburg royalty. Instead of attempting to conceal his large hanging underlip, he insisted on being pictured in profile with this deformity prominently displayed. For this reason he justly earned the nickname "Hog Mouth."

8. About the year 563 B.C. near Nepal in Central Asia, a child named Siddhartha Guatama was born, later to be revered as the Buddha (The Enlightened One.) To celebrate the 2500th anniversary of Buddhism, Ceylon in 1957 issued a beautiful silver dollar size coin.

9. In a country where a large part of the population is illiterate, there is an advantage to having square coins, or coins with fluted edges. It makes for easier identification.

10. The toughra is the name of a device that at times looks like a triple G clef. It was used, since the 14th century, by the Turkish Ottoman Empire on her documents and later on her stamps and coins. According to some histories it had its beginning with Murad I (1319-1389) who was Sultan of the Ottoman Empire from 1359 until his death. He was illiterate and, when asked to sign a treaty, he was said to have placed the first three fingers and thumb of his right hand in an ink pot and made a flourish. This created an interesting monogram that was used with variations by future sultans.

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MERCURY-LIBERTY —

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nearly 30 years old when the design was changed. Our Roosevelt dime will soon be 31 years old, but there is no indication that any change will be made for the present. We doubt if the American people would want a new dime anyway as it would break up our presidential set of circulating coins - Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt, Washington, Kennedy and Eisenhower.

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OCTOBER 9-10

NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, Wildcat Show, Coliseum Annex, Sweetwater. **WRITE:** Herman Nations, 717 East New Mexico, Sweetwater 79556.



OCTOBER 16-17

LIBERTY COIN CLUB, 15th annual show, Exposition Hall, Corpus Christi **WRITE:** Club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415.



OCTOBER 16-17

ARKANSAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, 1st annual state convention, Convention Center, Robinson Auditorium, Convention Center Plaza, Markham & Broadway, Little Rock, Ark. **BOURSE:** R. T. McIntire, Box 546, Jacksonville, Ark. 72076.



NOVEMBER 7

LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Lamb County Agriculture & Community Bldg., Hiway 385, Littlefield **BOURSE:** Ernest Mills, Box 788, Littlefield 79339.



NOVEMBER 11-14

SOCIEDAD NUMISMATICA DE MONTERREY, 6th National Assembly and 1st international numismatic convention, Hotel Ambassador, Hidalgo and Galeana Sts., Monterrey, Mexico **WRITE:** Pedro Martinez Torres, Apartado Postal 565, Monterrey, N. L., Mex.

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NOVEMBER 13-14

TEXOMALAND COIN CLUB, annual show, Hotel Denison, 117 S. Burnett, Denison **WRITE:** C. A. Wingo, Rt. 2 Box 109, Denison 75020.



NOVEMBER 27-28

PASADENA COIN CLUB, 16th annual coin show, Hobby Ramada Inn, Houston. **BOURSE:** PCC, Box 58155, Houston 77058.

1977 SEASON

JANUARY 28-30

GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, 20th annual Money Show, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston. **BOURSE:** Bill Johns, Box 90156, Houston 77090.



FEBRUARY 4-6

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB of EL PASO annual show. Details later.



MARCH 6

LEVELLAND COIN CLUB, annual show, Women's Bldg., Fair Grounds. **WRITE:** D. O. Joplin, 212 Cypress, Levelland 79336.



MARCH 19-20

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. **WRITE:** D. O. Joplin, 212 Cypress, Levelland; or Club, Box 106, Lubbock 79408.



MARCH 19-20

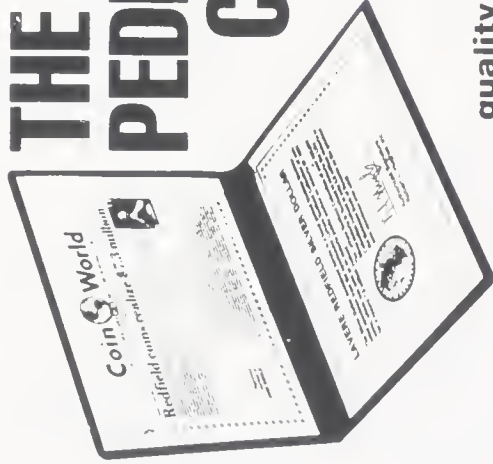
CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, Collectors' Show, Exposition Hall. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3025, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78404



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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT I -

Six attended the meeting of **Graham Coin & Stamp Club** held at the Texas Electric Reddy Room.

G. S. Davison conducted a numismatic quiz with questions and answers taken from the **TNA NEWS**. A discussion followed.

Bea Davison served refreshments during the social hour. — **Hellen Rust, Sec.**



G. W. Somers
Governor

DISTRICT II -

Final plans for the September coin show were discussed and reports from each one involved heard at the Aug. meeting of **Odessa Coin Club**. The session was held at Odessa College with 25 present.

Dick Umstot and Karen Ganze won the attendance



August H. Ganze Jr.
Governor

JOPLIN'S BROTHER DIES

Frank F. Joplin of Hazlett, Tex. died Sat. Aug. 2. He was 63.

Mr. Joplin was a brother to D. O. Joplin of Levelland, TNA governor for District 9.

prizes. — **August H. Ganze, Gov.**
Dist. 2.



DISTRICT III -

Members of **Central Texas Coin Club** of Brownwood voted to host the District 3 meeting to be held in July 1977. Gus Snodgrass presided at the meeting where six new members were added to the roll. New members were from Richland Springs, Rising Star, Abilene, Bangs and Brownwood.



Ellis Brooks
Governor

The district meeting will have representatives from San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, Big Spring and Brownwood. A wall plaque is given to the club having the most members present. Abilene hosted the 1976 meeting and that club received the plaque.

Thirty six members were present for the business session and auction. E. H. Easley received the attendance prize — **Melba Coursey, Reporter.**



Howard Coleman presented a program on the half dime at the **San Angelo Coin Club** meeting held at La Quinta Motor Inn. Thirty seven members and guests were present. Willard Mumford and David Mumford joined as new members.

Progress reports were given on the September coin show and each member was asked to bring a gold coin for a show display.

Wilson Korna, Frank Rice and

Phillip Poor conducted the auction and special prizes were won by Mr. Poor and Ivan Ker. — Lucille Coleman, Sec.



DISTRICT V -

The August meeting of **Numismatics International** of Dallas was held at Republic Savings & Loan and Lt. Cmdr. C. C. Andrews was the speaker. His subject was "Mexican Decimal Coinage."



Barney K. Welch
Governor

Articles featured in the club bulletin were "Costumes and Ornamentation on Byzantine Coinage" by I. C. G. Campbell, "Greek Counterstamps on Ottoman Coins" by Phillip A. Athanassoulas and "The Notgeld of World War II" by Elmer and Mary L. Wright.



ANA educational awards were presented to Victor Toogood, J. R. Kloiner and E. H. Couch at the meeting of the Dallas Coin Club held at the Baker Hotel. Thirty were present.

W. H. Veerman presented a program on U.S. gold coins. Landie McMains conducted the auction. — David

M. Nunn, Pres.



The annual coin show sponsored by **Texomaland Coin Club** of Denison-Sherman will be held Nov. 13-14 at Hotel Denison. For further information, contact C. A. Wingo, Rt. 2 Box 109, Denison 75020.



DISTRICT VI -

Lex Williams won the early bird prize and Fran Mudge won the members' only prize at the meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club**. The program was on counterfeit bills presented by a representative of the Secret Service.



Chris Johns
Governor

At another club meeting, three films were shown - "The Story of Banking," "Trading Currency Futures" and "What it Takes to Speculate." — Club Bulletin.



The first meeting of the month for **Bellaire Coin Club** is devoted to business and the second meeting features a program. The club meets each 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Southwestern Savings Bldg. in Bellaire. Seventeen attended the last meeting.

Reports were given on the August coin show which was considered to be very successful. There were 31 dealers and 15 non-competitive exhibits.

Highlight of the auction was the sale of a 1799 silver dollar. — George F. Budd, Reporter.



Dennis Hruby showed a TNA slide set on minor type coins at the meeting of **Northline Coin Club** in Houston. Hruby was to also prepare the pro-

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gram for the next meeting. — **Club Bulletin.**

DISTRICT VII -

On Aug. 4 at the Gateway Coin Club meeting in San Antonio, Lee Grossman talked on coins of Spain and Prussia and three new members were welcomed into the club.

At the Aug. 18 meeting, Karla Galindo gave a program on "Ration Checks and the Ration Banking System During World War II" with two exhibits on display. Grossman conducted a numismatic quiz.

Auctions were held at both meetings by Frank Galindo in the absence of the club president. Average attendance was 15. — **Ernie Price, Gov. Dist. 7.**

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A complete block set of uneirculated Barr notes were to be on display Sept. 7 at the Alamo Coin Club

Larry Hanks Releases New Mexican Coin Book

The 1977 edition of "The Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of Republic Mexican Coins" is new on the numismatic publication market. The book was authored by W. Larry Hanks of El Paso.

This first edition covers all Republic coin issues from 1822-1905 and is written in both English and Spanish. It contains basic information, prices and rarities.

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of San Antonio meeting. There was also to be a mini program on various ways to collect the current \$1 Federal Reserve notes: type set, series set, district set, block set and "group" sets.

Freeman Craig was to have charge of the program on Sept. 23 giving a rundown on the various types of coin holders and albums available to house coins, and citing the advantages and disadvantages of each type. — **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VIII -

Wes Tribble gave a talk on Egypt at one of the two monthly meetings of Corpus Christi Coin Club. Tribble is an officer in the U.S. Government Foreign service and is presently in Cairo, Egypt, administering an economic assistance program. He talked on the aid program pointing out that none of the money, loaned to the Egyptians at a very low interest rate, ever leaves the country. Being a coin collector also, Wes said there were still bargains to be found in the native shops.

Club President Billy Tate appointed Floyd Bieniek as first vice president and membership chairman to replace Simon Watson who had to resign.

At the second meeting of the month, a report was given on the club bar-b-cue held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Roberts. — **Club Bulletin.**

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Plans were continuing for the annual coin show to be hosted by Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi. The show is set for Oct. 16-17 at Exposi-



Ernest Price
Governor



Wayne H. Harris
Governor

tion Hall David Burke presented a quiz at the last meeting in July. Clarence Davis and Louis Palacios won the attendance prizes.

Games with numismatic prizes were conducted at the Aug. 10 meeting with Burke in charge. Special prizes were won by Chad Jones and David Leasor.

The club purchased a slide projector and was put to use for the Aug. 24 meeting. Shown was a program on "Coins of the Weimer Republic." Prizes went to Esther Jones and C. H. Lorfing. — **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX -

D. O. Joplin, TNA Dist. 9 governor, reported on the spring show planned by South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock. The show is scheduled for Mar. 19-20 at the Civic Center. Joplin is show chairman.



D. O. Joplin
Governor

Carl Anderson displayed a plaque won at the TNA convention. Carl won the Philpott award. He also won the club's attendance prize. An auction was held and refreshments were served. — **J. E. Hall, TNA Rep.**

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A discussion was held on the annual Christmas party for the benefit of Great Plains Boys' Organization at the August meeting of Levelland Coin Club with four members present.

D. O. Joplin conducted a numismatic quiz taken from the TNA NEWS. H. E. Cook was the winner of the attendance prize. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dis. 9.**

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Dr. J. H. Oyer read correspondence from state clubs at the August meeting of Lamb County Coin Club of

Littlefield held at the Reddy Room. Seventeen members and guests were present.

A trading session was held followed by a 17-lot auction conducted by Ernest Mills and Larry Sanderson. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov., Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT X -

An announcement was made of the recent death of Dewey Fields at one of the weekly meetings of the International Coin Club of El Paso. Mr. Fields was always a big help in promoting numismatics in the El Paso area. He was the owner of Fields' Coins which his wife, Fern, will continue to operate assisted by Mr. and Mrs. George Martin.



John N. Berger
Governor

Attendance at the meetings dropped to an average of 30 due to vacations. A new fund raising idea was started at the first meeting in August with Bill Poland as project chairman. Tickets are sold and coins purchased with the proceeds and in turn are given away in special drawings. The club hopes to add to the treasury. — **John N. Berger, Gov., Dist. 10.**

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The 8th annual show hosted in August by members of the Spanish Trail Collectors Club of El Paso is now past history. Attendance at the 3-day show averaged 2000 with 45 dealers on hand.

It was reported that paper money and stamps went well during the show. Thanks was extended to Frank Fox, Harry Johnson and numerous club members. — **John N. Berger, Gov. Dist. 10.**

DISTRICT XIV -

Members of the **Hidalgo Coin Club**, meeting at Chisum's Rock & Hobby Shop, enjoyed a TNA slide set at the August meeting. The set is a new one donated to the TNA Memorial Library by the **Maximilian Numismatic & Historical Society**. The slides were the property of Joe Frantz of Monessen, Pa.

A new meeting place was announced and will be at the **First National Bank** in McAllen beginning in October



DISTRICE XV -

Guests at the **Beaumont Coin Club** meeting included Ed White III, Nell Truman, Carole Nelson, Milton Bragg and Mr Montine Head. Ms Truman won a special prize of a 1971 mint set. Member's only prize was won by Ken Rodgers.

During the "Did Ja Know?" discussion by Linsey Lee, members were informed that square head nails were used many years ago as money. — **Club Bulletin**.



Jerry Williams had charge of the program at a recent meeting of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club**. Jerry discussed coins of the early 1960s and the Walking Liberty half dollar proved to be the most popular. Members learned that A. A. Wiemon designed the coin probably to encourage world peace. — **Club Bulletin**.



L. G. Davenport Jr.
Governor



Jerry A. Williams
Governor

Lepczyk To Conduct Auction At Houston

A floor and mail bid auction in conjunction with the 20th annual show of the **Greater Houston Coin Club** will be conducted by Joseph L. Lepczyk of East Lansing, Mich.

The show is scheduled for Jan. 28-30 at the **Shamrock Hilton Hotel** in Houston.

Lepczyk is seeking choice U.S. and foreign material to be placed on consignment for the auction. To promote active involvement of the **Greater Houston Coin Club** and the collectors in the Houston and Texas area, Lepczyk is donating part of his commission on all consignments which realize more than \$100.00 per lot and which are obtained through the efforts of the **GHCC**.

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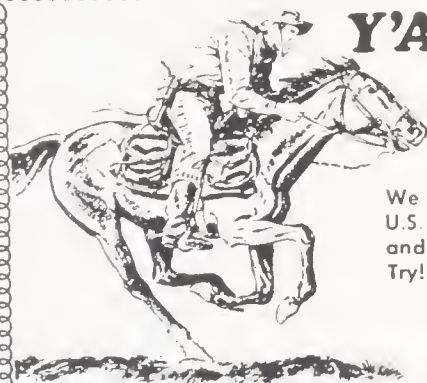
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The people of Korea had repulsed or resisted these warring invaders for many centuries until eventually, with the founding of the Yi Dynasty (1392-1910) they had established a comparatively stable, unified government. Suddenly, in 1590, Korea was faced with a different type of aggression - not from Asia across the Yalu River, but from Japan across the eastern sea.

The Japanese, under the direction of their powerful dictator, Hideyoshi, came into Korea with the intention of subjecting that country to Japanese rule, establishing trade routes to China and possibly conquering China itself. The most significant opposition to these grandiose Japanese schemes was put forth by a Korean admiral, Yi Sun Sin.

Admiral Yi built several ships, covered with iron plates and mounted cannon. They were called "Turtle Ships" because of their resemblance to that reptile. With these armored ships, Admiral Yi created so much destruction and confusion that the Japanese could not successfully maintain their supply lines even though their armies had secured a firm foothold within Korea. Yi continually harassed the Japanese fleets during later invasions and, at one time dur-

ing a cessation of hostilities, he was reduced to the ranks because of imperial treachery. He was later reinstated.

In 1598, after the death of Hideyoshi, the Japanese, attempting to return to Japan, were again engaged by Admiral Yi and severely defeated. The admiral lost his life in this battle, but the victory thwarted further Japanese plans of conquest.

Admiral Yi Sun Sin enjoys a belated commemoration on the Republic of Korea 50 Hwan, first minted in 1959. This coin, of eupronickel, bears on the obverse an impression of a "Turtle Ship" with the value and country in Korean characters.

The reverse bears the English inscription, "Republic of Korea," a large Arabic numeral 50, and the date 4292, reckoned from the myth of Tangun, who supposedly united the primitive tribes of Korea in the 24th century B.C. — William O. West, INTERCOIN.

New Wooden Nickel

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